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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0692

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

INFO AMCONSUL UDORN

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AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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ATTENTION PRESS OFFICERS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, PINT, LA

SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION ADDRESSES POW RELEASE

REF: STATE 194246 (NOTTAL)

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 5, FOLLOWING PLENARY MEETING OF JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA), VIENTIANE SIDE SPOKESMAN LANE PATHAMMAVONG STATED THAT THE FIRST EXCHANGE OF POWS WOULD TAKE PLACE AT PHONG SAVAN (UG 1354) ON THE PLAINE DES JARRES ON SEPTEMBER 19. IN VIEW OF THIS FACT, HE STATED, THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO ORGANIZE TEST FLIGHTS TO PHONG SAVAN PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED

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RELEASE.

2. LANE STATED THAT ICC REPS (BUT NOT ICRC REPS) AND FIVE LOCAL JOURNALISTS WILL BE INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT THE RELEASE CEREMONY. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, HE STATED THAT THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF PARTICIPATION BY EITHER AMERICAN OR THAI REPS AT THE RELEASE CEREMONY SINCE IT WILL BE "INTERNAL MATTER."

3. LANE ADDED THAT FOREIGN JOURNALISTS SHOULD ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE RELEASE CEREMONIES.

4. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT A RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF U.S. JOURNALISTS PRESENTLY IN HONG KONG, SAIGON, PHON PENH AND BANGKOK, AND POSSIBLY ALSO MANILA AND SINGAPORE, WILL WISH TO VISIT VIENTIANE TO COVER RELEASE CEREMONIES. WHILE WE ARE WILLING TO INTERVENE WITH APPROPRIATE LAO AGENCIES ON BEHALF OF SUCH JOURNALISTS, WE CANNOT PROMISE WHAT THEIR RESPONSE WILL BE. PRESS OFFICERS AT ACTION POSTS SHOULD SO INFORM RESIDENT AMERICAN JOURNALISTS. SHOULD THEY DESIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE INFORM SOONEST.

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